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Mr. Goschen. Lord Salisbury. Lord Lansdowne. The Duke of Devonshire. Mr. A. J. Balfour.

A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

BY L. F. AUSTIN.

This week there is certainly a rebound from the depression that affected us last week; and I imagine that even my friend the leader-writer is more cheerful at one in the morning. The measures taken by the Government for the conduct of the war, and for the employment of the national resources, in a truly formidable enterprise, have lifted us, not out of despond, for Englishmen don't despond when they are grappling with danger, but out of bewilderment. It was difficult to understand those three reverses in one week; nobody could tell why they had happened, or feel sure that they would not happen again. I have seen London in many aspects, but never in this particular kind of dumb exasperation, generously unwilling to criticise our commanders in the field, and yet confronted by the evidence of failure. Such a sentiment naturally eclipsed our gaieties. Popular entertainers looked out upon empty benches. I doubt whether an audience could have been found for the "Note Book" in a single street! Men in the clubs offered one another stalls for the theatre. "Here are the tickets," was heard again and again; "I haven't the heart to use them."

No fault can be found with the response which has been made to the appeal on behalf of the various charities immediately associated with the war. True, the Lord Mayor has been compelled to ask the public to discriminate. They have given most of their money to the particular charity which is not in the most pressing need of it. I have read a gruesome calculation by Mr. George Wyndham, who had to make a sort of actuarial estimate of the possible widows of a whole campaign. Mr. Wyndham is not only a Minister; he is a man of fine imagination, and I can picture the heavy heart with which he applied himself to this arithmetic of calamity. It seems that very nearly enough money has been subscribed to make a small provision for every widow. It is a very small provision, only five shillings a week for life; and no account is apparently taken of the orphans. A widow with a young family will see but scanty scope for ingenious management in five shillings. The fund for widows and orphans, however, is now in such a position that subscriptions may well be diverted into other channels. It is the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association that needs the most help. Many a table has to be supplied whilst the breadwinner is fighting; and though he may return safe and sound, why should he return to find his home broken up, and his wife and children or aged parents in the workhouse? That is one of the questions we should put to ourselves and others this Christmas-time. It is of more practical moment than dispute about the causes of this war, or even about the impartiality of the modest scribe who writes these columns, and, for his sins, is shut out of some drawing-room readings. We all have our "microbes"; but just now let us agree to ignore them, and to unite in one effort that commands the sympathies of the entire nation.

Here I should like to express to various correspondents my sense of the personal kindness with which they differ from my views about this war. One of them gratifies me by telling me that he has been in the habit of reading the "Note Book" aloud to a drawing-room audience. It pleased them so much that they would often ask for it. I suspect that my correspondent reads so well that he gives my humble words the saving grace of a sympathetic elocution. But now for the Gorgon's head! It seems that since the war began I am no longer wanted in that drawing-room. Some hateful rival, no doubt, now monopolises the charm of my correspondent's silver tongue! I am put aside because the "war microbe" has got into my blood. I have allowed my feelings "to get the upper hand," and I "convey the impression of being possessed of bitterness." Well, I venture to suggest that I am acquitted of "bitterness" by this very letter; for the writer says that if he did not believe I would take his criticism in good part, he would never have "put pen to paper." It is not the bitter man who gets remonstrances in that spirit. Thank Heaven, I have never lost a friend because we were in conflict over some national interest! The roots of sympathy and mutual respect should lie too deep for that; and those friends whom it is a writer's chief pleasure to make and to hold, friends who know him only in the printed page, and whom he may never see, touch him most deeply when they reprove him in sorrow, and not with railing.

As for the "war microbe," it so happens that war in itself has no manner of attraction for me. I have pride in the British soldier, and especially, for sake of kindred, in the Irish soldier, and when they distinguish themselves my imagination is stirred. Take an incident at Magersfontein. A battery of field artillery ceased firing during a truce. By some misunderstanding elsewhere, the Boers were led to believe that our forces had broken faith, and they opened fire again on the field battery. It made no reply, for our artillery-men

knew they must observe the truce, come what might. So they submitted stoically to the ordeal until the Boers, struck with admiration, relinquished the attack. Here we have heroism of the highest order, and should it have escaped the notice of that drawing-room from which I am exiled, I hope my correspondent will read at least this present paragraph to his kinsfolk. Let us all admire the bravery and skill of Commandant Cronje and his burghers. I am so far impartial as to believe that they are animated by the sense of duty, the conviction that they have been forced into this war by the aggression of England. In my judgment, that is a wholly mistaken view, natural enough to the simple burgher, who has been taught to hate the English. He knows nothing of the schemes which have inflamed certain heads at Pretoria. Let us respect him, and take care that, when his independence is gone, and the Transvaal becomes once more a British colony, he shall have all the rights that prudence can grant him.

We all read the war news with mingled feelings. People who hold that we should have avoided war by giving Mr. Kruger all he wanted seem to think that our recent reverses in some way confirm their opinion. I suppose this is human, though, as a process of reasoning, it leaves something to seek. The more difficult it is to conquer Mr. Kruger's burghers, the more imperative is the conclusion that so militant a State as the Transvaal cannot co-exist in South Africa with the Imperial supremacy. However, that is controversy, and I doubt whether any of us are in a controversial mood this Christmas. We are thinking of kinsmen and friends who have already given their lives for their country, or are hovering between life and death in hospital. It is a terrible Christmas for many bereaved homes, and that thought should make strong appeal to every charitable heart. Away in the Transvaal the Dutch wives and mothers are busy packing home comforts to send to their husbands and sons in the field. We do not require to be taught by that example. The Queen herself has shown that motherly instinct which embraces her Empire by her personal gift to her soldiers. With an organised commissariat which is no longer the wretched muddle it was in the Crimea, they are not in such need as the Boers; but campaigning is full of hardships at the best, and every kindly tribute from a nation's goodwill that reaches Tommy Atkins at the front will find a grateful man. May I venture to hope that this suggestion will have a friendly echo in the household where the "Note Book" is suspended for froward behaviour?

My remarks about leader-writers last week have brought me an interesting communication from one of the tribe. "The Cornhill essayist," he says, "when he wrote leaders, must have had a very easy time. He seems to have belonged to a staff that met about three in the afternoon, arranged the subjects for articles, and went off to early tea, as if nothing ever happened to the world after three in the afternoon. Let me give you a different picture. I go down to the office at night with a strong presentiment that I shall have to write about the war. War is a business which does not adapt itself to the convenience of your three-in-the-afternoon scribe. It sends you the gravest news at the last moment. From eleven o'clock till midnight I have before me a nice assortment of telegrams. They are not very inspiring; but as nothing calamitous appears to have happened, I indite a leader which puts the best possible face on the situation. At one o'clock I am in the List paragraph, congratulating myself that I have done something to cheer an impatient public, when a boy hands me a type-written despatch from the War Office

"I have made a study of that boy. He follows the campaign with literally breathless excitement. After Belmont and Gras Pan he was a radiant but speechless image of patriotic joy. I went down to the office one night, knowing that Lord Methuen's communications had been interrupted. In a corridor I met the boy. His eyes were starting from his head, and he made strange sounds, such as you hear from a dumb person who is deeply moved. With difficulty I discovered them to mean that Methuen's communications had been restored. Well, at one o'clock, when that War Office despatch is handed to me, I know by a glance at the boy's face that the news is bad, very bad. He looks like a stone—as if he had gazed on the Gorgon's head. And the despatch is like the Gorgon's head, for it begins with that sentence which has come too frequently from our commanders in South Africa: 'I regret to report serious reverse.' Now, Sir, think of the feelings of the leader-writer who, at one in the morning, has to adapt his cheering article to this most uncheering visitation, to insert fitting comment in the proper place, to doctor this passage and delete that, and make the whole such a workmanlike piece of dovetailing that the reader who scans the composition at breakfast shall have no suspicion of the agonies that produced it! And after one of these performances I read in *Cornhill* how Delane, of the *Times*, used to ask one of his contributors to dine, and after dinner would leave him with ample leisure and perfect repose to write a leader on the conversation! No Gorgon's head for him!"

THE TRANSVAAL WAR REVIEWED.

BY A MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.

This Christmas cannot be otherwise than gloomy in many a British home. But the public mind is easier. The unexpected reverse Sir Redvers Buller's Ladysmith Relief Force met with on Dec. 15 brought home to the Government a full sense of the difficulties they have to face in South Africa; and it was resolved the following day not only to despatch Lord Roberts to the Cape as Commander-in-Chief, with Lord Kitchener as his Chief of the Staff, but also to send out fifty thousand more men, and to call upon the patriotism of the Volunteers and Yeomanry. That call has been promptly and nobly responded to by some of the flower of English manhood.

A singular change has, indeed, taken place in the military situation in South Africa—a change which, according to all the "rules of the game," it was quite impossible to foresee. On Dec. 11 the disastrous result of Sir William Gatacre's attempt to surprise Stormberg was painfully accentuated by the much more terrible repulse of an effort on Lord Methuen's part to eject the Boers from their position on the Magersfontein Hills, which flank the road a little to the north of Modder River. It is sufficient now, for the purposes of this narrative, briefly to recall the fact that this effort terminated in a failure to move the Boers from the hills, and in serious losses, falling chiefly on the Highland Brigade. As a very slight set-off against this really significant reverse, there had to be taken into consideration the fact that the Boers had also lost great numbers in killed and wounded. Also that in Cape Colony a brigade of cavalry, belonging to General French's force, had inflicted a smart blow against the enemy, who had evidently hoped, *per saltum*, to capture Naauwpoort, but were foiled by the vigilance of Colonel Porter, commanding at Arundel. The vigorous sorties from Ladysmith for the purpose of destroying the enemy's siege-artillery had, further, an excellent moral effect.

Some of our pictures which appear this week have a special bearing upon the Gatacre and Methuen reverses. First, we have the Stormberg Pass itself, through which General Gatacre's force, misled by its guides, blundered with such disastrous results, and in another picture a typical night attack, which Mr. Caton Woodville has invested with his usual realism and mastery of military detail. The set of four scenes at Cape Town are intimately associated with Methuen's advance. From the squadron at anchor in Simon's Bay has been drawn the Naval contingent which has done such splendid service, more particularly at Easlin, and it was a gun from the *Doris* which shelled the Boer position on the Sunday preceding the battle of Magersfontein. The *Penelope* is a guard-ship, and on it are "housed" the Boer prisoners. The pictures of the Royal Horse Artillery at Cape Town are peculiarly attractive, since the R.H.A. were in action for the first time during the present war at Magersfontein. A similar interest is attached to the landing of the Seaforth Highlanders at Cape Town. The Seaforths, together with the rest of the Highland Brigade under the late General Wauchope, were sent up to reinforce Methuen after the battle of Modder River, and lost heavily at Magersfontein. Lastly, we must notice a picture of "A Good Shot," in the trenches at Mafeking, the safety of the gallant little garrison of which has, we trust, not been endangered by Methuen's temporary check.

And now to turn to the trend of operations in Natal, where a little more than a week ago we were confidently awaiting the news of a successful attack by Buller on the Boer force in position near Colenso, between the Tugela and Ladysmith. In the small hours of Saturday morning came the news that an attack on the Friday morning had failed, with casualties to the extent of over 1100 killed and wounded, and the loss of eleven guns. It is impossible to give more than the briefest allusion to the action here, but the outline of what happened is as follows: General Buller's idea was to force the Tugela at one or both of two points at about two miles apart, a brigade in each case being employed, with a third brigade lying between the other two to act as a support to either if necessary. The brigade on the left, having failed to force a passage, was withdrawn, and the artillery—eighteen guns under Colonel Long—which was assisting it was sent back to help the brigade on the right. Unfortunately, Colonel Long advanced along the edge of the river and was surprised by the enemy in ambush, with the sad result that all his horses were killed, and, notwithstanding the most heroic efforts, all but two of his guns had to be abandoned. Seeing that the brigade on the right was suffering heavily in its attempt to cross unsupported by artillery, General Buller now withdrew it, and returned to camp at Chieveley, having suffered a repulse of a particularly galling character.

It is needless to say that the news of this calamity created a profound impression on the public mind, but happily no sort of undue alarm or tendency to futile recrimination was observable in any responsible quarters. On the contrary, a refreshing vigour and determination were evinced which, if they have done nothing else, have demonstrated pretty conclusively that the nation is united in its resolve to "see it through," whatever the cost. As an initial measure, and having regard to the fact that the force in South Africa will at no distant date comprise an army of some 150,000 men, the Government decided to send out, as aforesaid, to South Africa, as Commander-in-Chief, Lord Roberts, with Lord Kitchener as his Chief of the Staff, an appointment which was hailed with great enthusiasm.

In the matter of reinforcements, besides hurrying out the Seventh Division and fresh artillery, including a Howitzer Brigade, the authorities have determined to avail themselves largely of the services of the Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers, and also of the patriotic offers of the Colonies to send further contingents of mounted troops. The Yeomanry are to be stiffened with fresh recruits, and organised and equipped as Mounted Infantry. The Volunteers are to be carefully selected and formed into companies, which will be attached to the line battalions now serving in South Africa. The utmost enthusiasm prevails, and it may well be that out of these reverses the British nation will derive something of positive benefit to its public spirit and to the Imperial idea.

THE QUEEN'S
KIND GIFT.

We are this week enabled, by special permission, to reproduce the design which appears upon the tin boxes containing the chocolate to be presented by the Queen to her soldiers in South Africa. Our illustration is reproduced the actual size of the tin, the design for which was executed by Messrs. Barclay and Fry, decorative tin-box manufacturers, Southwark, London. To this pattern all the boxes have been made. Messrs. Fry and Sons have now completed their order for 40,000 of the 120,000 tins required, the rest of the order being in the hands of Messrs. Cadbury and Messrs. Rowntree. Each firm, as we have already noted, submitted a design for the box; but that made for Messrs. J. S. Fry and Sons by the firm already mentioned was approved, and has been adopted for all the boxes which are being sent out. The tin is flat and oblong, with rounded edges. It has been specially contrived for convenience in carrying. It holds half a pound of choice vanilla chocolate of the Caracas type, for which the famous Bristol firm, Messrs. J. S. Fry and Sons, are justly celebrated. The decorations have been carried out



THE QUEEN'S GIFT TO HER TROOPS IN SOUTH AFRICA: THE TIN OF CHOCOLATE—ACTUAL SIZE.

according to her Majesty's special instructions. In the centre of the lid, on a red background edged with blue, is a large medallion portrait of her Majesty. On one side, in blue, white, and gold, appears the royal monogram, and on the other the words "South Africa, 1900." Underneath

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is a facsimile of her Majesty's handwriting, the inscription running: "I wish you a happy New Year." Her Majesty desires that only her soldiers shall receive the tins, so orders have been issued for the destruction of the dies when the required number of boxes has been manufactured.

Maitre Labori has won his case against the *Libre Parole*, which accused him of having invented the bullet he received in his back at Rennes. M. Drumont had to pay a fine of two thousand francs for this libel, which, however, is no worse than any of his assertions every day of his life.

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REAR-ADMIRAL LORD CHARLES BERESFORD,
APPOINTED SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRON.



Photo. Bassano.

LORD KITCHENER,
TO ACT AS LORD ROBERTS'S CHIEF OF THE STAFF IN SOUTH AFRICA.



FUNERAL OF THE LATE GENERAL KOCH AT PRETORIA: PRESIDENT KRUGER'S STATE COACH IN ATTENDANCE.

General Koch, who fell at Elandslaagte, was Minute-Keeper to the Boer Executive and was President Kruger's most influential supporter.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

The appointment of Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford to be second in command of the Mediterranean Fleet withdraws from Parliament a man whose influential criticisms have done much to strengthen the Navy, and, in consequence, to maintain peace during the Fashoda friction between England and France. Even so, Lord Charles Beresford as member for York is a less useful personage than Lord Charles Beresford in an important sea command. The most popular man in the Navy, Lord Charles began his naval career by entering the *Britannia* as a cadet in 1859. He was then thirteen years of age, and it took him twenty-three years to reach his Captaincy. In the 'seventies he was Naval Aide-de-Camp to the Prince of Wales during his visit to India. His command of the *Condor* during the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882 brought him stars and mentions in despatches, as well as the popular homage always given in England to gallantry. As a sequel to the bombardment followed the organisation of a police system in Alexandria, and his was the task. Service on Lord Wolsley's staff during the Nile Expedition of 1884-85, and in command of the Naval Brigade at Abu Klea and Metemmeh, gained him fresh honours from the Government and from the man in the street. Operations in the Soudan won him the thanks of both Houses of Parliament. In 1886 he was Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty, and resigned it two years later as a protest against the nation's neglect of the Fleet.

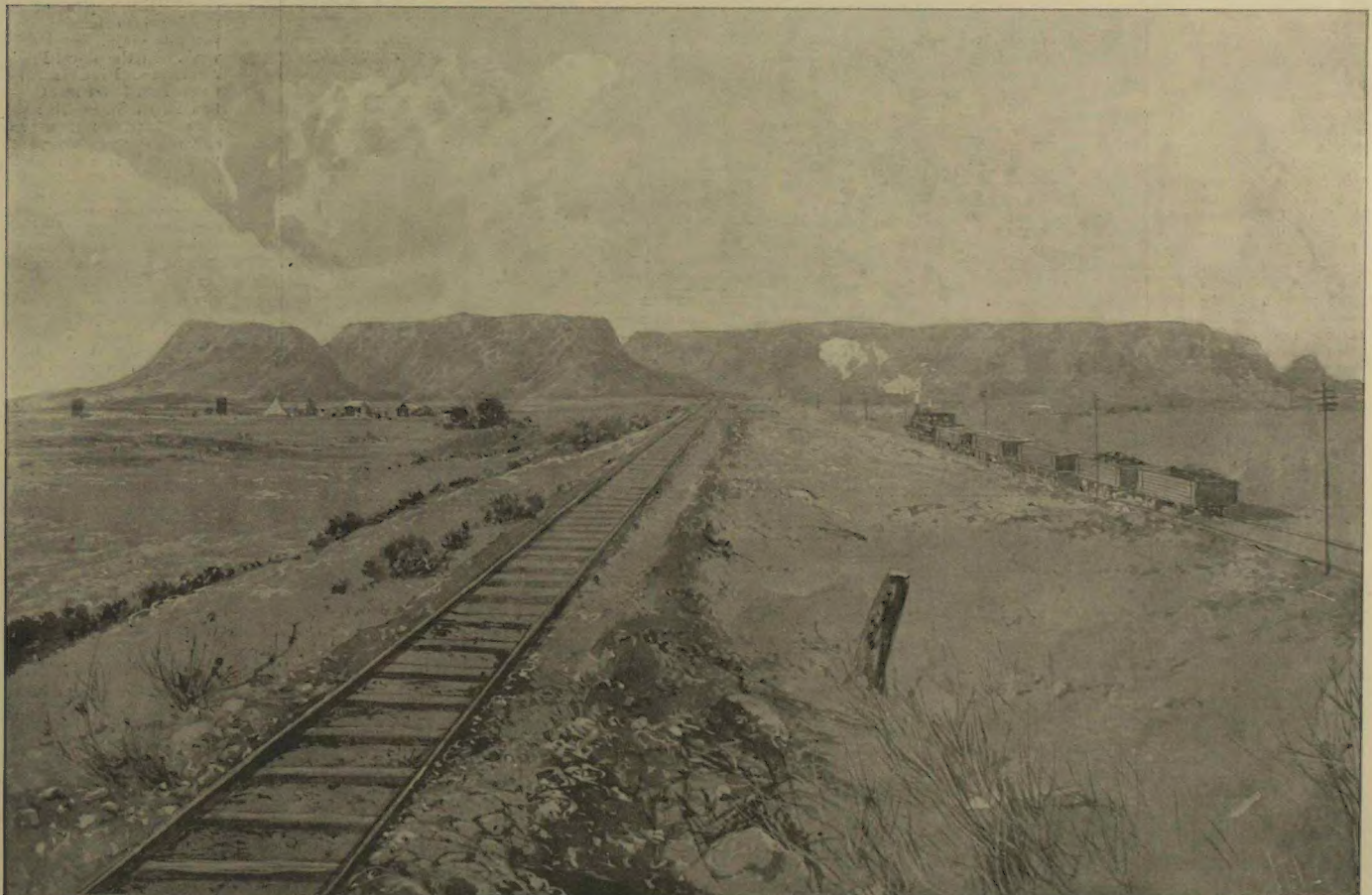


FIELD-MARSHAL LORD ROBERTS, TO COMMAND THE IMPERIAL FORCES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

See "Our Illustrations."

LORD KITCHENER.

Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, who is to be Chief of the Staff to Lord Roberts in South Africa, needs scarce a word of introduction to the English public, which made him its prime favourite twelve months ago. Born in 1850, and therefore still in his forties, the future Sirdar was the son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Harry Horatia Kitchener. He was educated at Woolwich, and if he did not go to the Universities to get a degree, the Universities were destined to come to him, Cambridge claiming the victor of Khartoum as an honorary LL.D. and Oxford as honorary D.C.L. He was twenty-one when he entered the Royal Engineers in 1871, and by 1888 he was Brevet-Colonel, having already served in the Soudan. His services in the battle of Omdurman and the subsequent expedition to Fashoda won for him the thanks of both Houses of Parliament, a grant of £30,000, and his elevation to the Peerage as Baron Kitchener of Khartoum, and of Aspall, in the county of Sussex. The new Chief of the Staff to Lord Roberts is a bachelor, as the makers and the romancers of marriages made the world well aware during the recent stay in London of this soldier who has "married the service" very much as Sir Joshua Reynolds had "no bride but his art." Lord Kitchener changes his field of operations in Africa with the entire confidence of the nation, which is well assured that the machinery of the war, at any rate, will be well attended to. The name of Kitchener has become synonymous with organisation.



DE AAR, SHOWING RAILWAY TO KIMBERLEY, WITH TAFELBERG IN THE DISTANCE, ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE MILES OFF.

From a Sketch by H. M. Pethybridge.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

LORD ROBERTS.

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, who is also a Knight of St. Patrick, a Privy Councillor, and the wearer of nearly every riband, star, and cross (including the Victoria) in the gift of his Sovereign, leaves England to-day, at the age of sixty-seven, to take the field as Commander-in-Chief of the expedition in South Africa. Lord Roberts, whose efficiency is equalled only by his popularity, has never fought a white foe, but he has had experience in the field enough and to spare for even the arduous task his country now entrusts to his hands. Nearly twenty years ago he went to Madras in command of the troops and as a member of the Council, and afterwards served as Commander-in-Chief for eight years, his famous exploits in Afghanistan winning for him in 1892 the title of Baron Roberts of Kandahar and of Waterford. In 1895 he became Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in Ireland; and Mr. Chamberlain, in his Dublin speech the other day, was able to make an allusion to the Irishman chosen by England in a moment of stress as her greatest captain of all. Lord Roberts, who married in 1859 Nora Henrietta, daughter of the late Captain John Bews, goes out to service at a moment of the keenest bereavement; for in the reverse suffered by General Buller at Colenso he lost his only son, Lieutenant the Hon. Frederick Hugh Sherston Roberts. Educated, like his father, at Eton and Sandhurst, the young soldier had given promise of a career in consonance with the traditions he was proud to inherit. Entering the King's Royal Rifle Corps, he served with the Chitral Relief Force; he was at the battle of Khartoum as A.D.C. to the Sirdar, and had gone to the front in South Africa on the personal staff of General Buller. Lord and Lady Roberts, now sonless, have two daughters, the Hon. Aileen Mary and the Hon. Ada Edwina Stewart.

CASUALTIES AT THE FRONT.

Major the Marquis of Winchester, of the 2nd Coldstream Guards, who lost his life at Magersfontein, was not only the premier Marquis, but one of the most admired and accomplished of men. He was forty-one years of age, and his accession to his title twelve years ago made no change in the seriousness of purpose with which he followed his profession. Educated at Eton, he entered the Coldstream Guards as soon as he reached manhood; he had his promotions to be Captain nine years ago, to be Major two years ago. As aide-de-camp to Sir John McNeill in the Soudan Expedition of 1885, he was present at the engagements of Hasheen and the Tofreck zereba, and at the destruction of Tannai. Lord Winchester, who was unmarried, is succeeded in the Marquisate by his brother.

Major N. W. Cuthbertson, of the Black Watch, one of the forty-eight officers wounded at Magersfontein, has been seventeen years with his regiment, and almost at the outset of his military career saw service in the Soudan Campaign of 1884.

Second Lieutenant William Russell Cowie, of the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, killed at Magersfontein, was appointed to his regiment from the Militia in April 1898, and when he met with his lamented death was in only his twenty-second year.

Second Lieutenant James Ronald McOran Campbell, 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders, entered the Army only last May, and had he lived, would have kept his twentieth birthday in the coming January.

Second Lieutenant A. J. Marten, of the 1st Highland Light Infantry, wounded at Magersfontein, is twenty-five years old, and joined the army two years ago.

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry R. Kelham, 1st Highland Light Infantry, who has an honourable record from the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, and has very recently been promoted from the rank of Major, is, happily, on the list of only the slightly wounded at the battle of Magersfontein.

Captain Gordon Robert MacNab, 1st Gordon Highlanders, seriously wounded at Magersfontein, is just thirty years of age, and received his first appointment with his regiment in 1890. He served with his comrades at the storming of the Malakand Pass in the Chitral Expedition.

Captain Arthur A. Wolfe Murray, of the 1st Highland Light Infantry, slightly wounded at Magersfontein, was born in 1866, and took his Captaincy in 1893.

The news that Lieutenant F. G. Tait, of the Black Watch, was among the wounded at Magersfontein was received with particular regret by golfers, among whom he has the reputation of being the best all-round amateur.

Captain Allen Sievwright Wingate, of the 1st Gordon Highlanders, who has died of wounds received at Magersfontein, was twenty-nine years of age, and was nearly as famous at cricket as was Lieutenant Tait at golf.

Lieutenant-Colonel Codrington, of the 1st Coldstream Guards, wounded at Magersfontein, joined his regiment in 1873, served through the Egyptian Campaign of 1882,

Lieutenant Henry H. Tudor, of the Royal Horse Artillery, wounded at Magersfontein, was born in 1871, and got his Lieutenantcy in 1893.

Colonel Downman, of the Gordon Highlanders, who was fatally wounded at Magersfontein, succeeded as recently as July last to the command of the 1st Battalion of the Gordons. He was a Devonshire man, and joined the colours on his twenty-first birthday in 1876. Colonel Downman was present at the battles of El Teb and Tannai, and took part in the operations in Chitral in 1895.

Something has been told in another column of the story of the Black Watch. Here it only remains for us to pay a tribute to the officers and men whose names are to be found on the glorious roll of the killed and wounded after the battle of Magersfontein. First of all must be named Major-General Andrew Gilbert Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G., "the bravest of the brave," who, in past conflicts, had been wounded four times, thrice severely, but who always, till now, lived to fight another day. He has died at the age of fifty-three, beloved and trusted by all the Army, from the Commander-in-Chief to the humblest Highlander in the ranks.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Henry Collier Coode, of the 2nd Black Watch, who also lost his life on the same occasion, was forty-three years of age, and entered the Army in September 1875. He served as Adjutant to the Auxiliary Forces from May 1884 to May 1889.

Three Captains of the Black Watch who fell fatally struck were Captain Erle Godfrey Elton, Captain William MacFarlan, and Captain the Hon. J. F. T. Cumming-Bruce. The last was the eldest son of Lord and Lady Thurlow. Lieutenant N. N. Ramsay and Lieutenant H. C. W. Berthon have laid down their lives at almost the outset of their promising careers.

The wounded officers of the Black Watch who fell fatally struck include Major A. Gordon Duff, born in 1857, and seasoned by service in three Egyptian expeditions; Lieutenant A. G. Wauchope; Second Lieutenant S. A. Innes, and Second Lieutenant the Hon. M. C. Drummond.

The battle of Colenso's long list of casualties includes the names of a number of officers whose portraits are produced this week. In the Royal Field Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel H. Hunt and Captain H. D. White-Thompson are happily returned as only slightly wounded; but "severely" is the adverb against the name of Captain F. A. G. Elton—an officer who must not be confounded with Captain Elton of the 2nd Royal Highlanders, killed at Magersfontein. In the Devon Regiment Captain J. F. Radcliffe has been severely wounded; Captain P. U. W. Vigers and Lieutenant H. J. Storey, slightly. In the Rifle Brigade, Captain Walter N. Congreve has been slightly wounded; Captain the Hon. St. Leger Jervis, of the 5th Brigade Staff, severely. Captain Congreve, who did good work a little time ago as District Inspector of

Musketry at Aldershot, is thirty-seven years of age; and Captain St. Leger Jervis, who is one year younger, acted, not long ago, as A.D.C. to General Hart.

Space unfortunately precludes detailed notices of Major Taunton, Captain Cowan, Captain Noyes, Captain Gordon, Lieutenant Vaughan, and Sergeant-Major Burke.

THE NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

Last Saturday, Dec. 16, the National Defence Committee of the Cabinet appointed Lord Roberts to command in South Africa. The members present were Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour, Lord Lansdowne, and Mr. Goschen, the Duke of Devonshire being the only member absent.

THE GUARDS' OMDURMAN MEDALS.

On Dec. 15, at Victoria Barracks, Windsor, the Prince of Wales distributed the Queen's medals to the 1st Battalion of the Grenadier Guards, some members of the Medical Corps, and some others of the 2nd Battalion of Grenadier Guards, who had taken part in the battle of Omdurman. A few minutes before noon the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and Princess Christian took their places on a dais, and the presentation began. At the close the Prince addressed the regiment.



LORD AND LADY ROBERTS, WITH THEIR ONLY SON (KILLED ON THE TUGELA) AND ONE OF THEIR DAUGHTERS.

being present at Tel-el-Kebir, and acting as A.D.C. to the Lieutenant-General of the 1st Division.

Lieutenant St. John Harvey, of the Royal Highlanders, wounded at Magersfontein, was born in 1872.

Major William E. Sturges, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who was taken prisoner at Stormberg, is forty-one years of age, and has acted as A.A.G. for Musketry at Headquarters.

Lieutenant Miles H. Tristram, of the 12th Lancers, who is reported by the Orange Free State Government to be detained as a prisoner at Bloemfontein, and to be severely but not dangerously wounded, was born in 1870, and took his Lieutenantcy in 1892.

Captain William Edmond John Bradshaw, of the Mounted Infantry, killed in the Orange River engagement, entered the 1st Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment, and had his Lieutenantcy in 1890 and his Captaincy last June.

Lieutenant Gilbert C. D. Fergusson, of the 2nd Rifle Brigade, who was killed in action at Ladysmith on Dec. 10, was a son of Colonel J. A. Fergusson, Professor of Tactics at Sandhurst College, and a nephew of Sir James Fergusson, M.P.

PERSONAL.

There is much sympathy with Lord Roberts, who undertakes a very grave responsibility in South Africa with the weight of a sad bereavement upon him. His only son, Lieutenant Roberts, was killed at Tugela River. Something has been said about Lord Roberts's age being a drawback to his new appointment. At sixty-eight he is certainly as hale as Moltke was at seventy, when the strategy was organised which overthrew the French army.

Major-General T. Kelly-Kenny, who commands the Sixth Division, now en route for South Africa, has been Inspector-General of Auxiliary Forces and Recruiting since 1897. He served with distinction in China during the war of 1890, and seven years later in Abyssinia. He is fifty-nine years of age.

Lieutenant-General Sir Gerald Graham, who died at Northam, Bideford, on Dec. 17, was Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Engineers, an appointment which he received during the present year. He was born in 1831, was educated at Dresden and Edinburgh, and after passing through Woolwich, obtained his commission in the Royal Engineers in 1850. He served during the Crimean War, and was present at the battles of Alma and Inkerman. During that war he was twice wounded. One of his exploits was his leading of a ladder-party at the assault of the Redan, when he won the Victoria Cross by his gallant sallies from the trenches in aid of the wounded. He served throughout the China Campaign, and was again wounded. He commanded a brigade in the Egyptian Campaign of 1882. He fought in the battle of Kassassin, was present at Tel-el-Kebir, commanded the expedition to the Eastern Soudan, fought at El Teb and Tannai, and commanded the Suakin Expedition of 1885.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. D. Otter, who commands the Canadian contingent in South Africa, has acted as A.D.C. to the Governor-General of Canada. He was formerly the commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and before proceeding on war service was attached to the Canadian Staff and commanded the No. II. Military District. During Louis Riel's Rebellion in 1885 he commanded the Battleford column.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. St. Leger Barter, of the Yorkshire Light Infantry, who was first across the Moller River during General Methuen's great engagement on Nov. 28, displayed conspicuous gallantry. Colonel Barter, who has been second in command of his regiment since 1896, attained his Majority in 1890. Before the present war he was stationed at Ahmednagar. He is forty-three years of age, and served in the last Ashanti Expedition, for which he was decorated with the Bronze Star. Whatever conflict of opinions there may be about the ultimate effect of the Modder River fight, there is none at all about the valour of our troops under such inspiring examples as those of Colonel Barter and his men.

Surgeon-Major A. B. Osborne, of the Hamilton Field Battery, who offered his services as a surgeon, has gone with the Canadian contingent to South Africa. Dr. Osborne is one of the most distinguished specialists for eye and ear in the Hamilton district of Canada. He carries on a very large and lucrative practice, which he has sacrificed to give his services to the Empire in the Boer War. He is a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, and is thirty-eight years of age.

Major Charles F. St. C. Anstruther-Thomson, of the 2nd Life Guards, has left the dignities and the quietude of the barracks at Windsor to serve the Queen where service is now our need. The Major is in the prime of life, being forty-four years of age, and there is no doubt among his friends but that his name will be "mentioned in despatches"

when hard fighting has to be done. His Majority dates back for two years.

Among our special service officers is Major H. P. Birch, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who is with Lord Methuen's forces at the Orange River. He attained his Majority in 1896. Major Birch's war service dates from 1884-85, when he bore a distinguished part in the Soudan Campaign, being decorated with the medal and clasp and the Bronze Star. He was recently stationed in Bombay. He is just forty years of age.

Captain Alister G. Dallas, of the 16th Lancers, who has proceeded to South Africa on special service, was born in 1866. During the Indian Frontier War of 1897 he acted as Orderly Officer and Aide-de-Camp to the late General Sir W. Penn Symons, and took part in the Tochi and Tirah campaigns. For his services on that occasion Captain Dallas was mentioned in despatches. He obtained his Captaincy in 1892, and

of "The Taming of the Shrew." It is contained in four acts, and is therefore an act too long, but then, of course, plays of this sort are built that way. And one cannot quarrel over the nature of things. "The heroine of Mr. Jerome's comedy has fed her mind on what may be called "grand"iloquence, and is a firm believer in the innate depravity of man. Wherefore her future husband has to bamboozle her, to lecture her, and to teach her domestic economy before she can be brought to the requisite state of "womanliness." The scenes pass at Cowes and on board a yacht. There is plenty of Mr. Jerome's best Cockney humour and repartee. And if Mr. Herbert Waring and Miss Evelyn Millard do very little acting, they at any rate dress their parts in very effective fashion.

The chief holiday productions this Christmas—Captain Boyton's diving horses at the Crystal Palace, "Jack and the Beanstalk" at Drury Lane, "The Snow Man" at the Lyceum, and the Garrick "Puss in Boots"—shall be

noticed next week. A fresh tribute is due to the energy of that droll comedian Mr. de Wolf Hopper. Thanks to his initiative, the ready support of his zealous company, and the dash of Mr. Sousa, his composer, quite a stale, old-fashioned sort of comic opera was galvanised into vitality the other night at the Comedy, and "The Mystical Miss" bids fair to be as popular as the rollicking "El Capitan." The great waltz-manufacturer, Mr. Sousa, has provided a score full of catchy melodies, stirring marches, and gay dance music; while the top notes of Miss Nella Bergen, the soubrette charm of Miss Jessie Mackaye, and the modest vocalism of Mr. Harold Blake are all employed to lend constant variety to the entertainment. "The Mystical Miss" is a play all movement and stir, which never allows one moment for thought; of necessity, therefore, it should prove a great success.

Mr. Chamberlain took his honorary degree on Monday at Trinity College, Dublin, and afterwards made a speech to the students. It consisted mainly of good-humoured banter of the people who devote so much of their time to attacks on himself. Irish audiences are so used to highly seasoned personalities that the students may have wondered why Mr. Chamberlain should have ever taken the trouble to say he doesn't mind.

Lord Charles Beresford, who has received an important command in the Mediterranean, proposes to resign his seat for York, but it is possible that he may retain it for a time in deference to the wishes of the Unionist Party in that city. It is curious that his appointment was vigorously denied by himself a short time ago, and that his friends openly declared him to be the victim of intrigues. Unquestionably one of the ablest officers in the service, Lord Charles Beresford was not on the best terms with the Admiralty owing to his outspokenness. But all is harmony now.

The Kaiser appears to share the popular error that the twentieth century begins on Jan. 1. Formal celebrations of the opening of the new century have been ordered in Germany a year too soon. Nineteen centuries cannot end till the expiration of the nineteenth-hundredth year. The twentieth century, therefore, cannot begin till Jan. 1, 1901. This surely is the plainest arithmetic!

Mrs. Bazalgette, 5, Bryanston Street, W., assisted by Mrs. Sonneborn, 46, Maida Vale, W., and Mrs. Murray Davis, 18, Wimpole Street, W., is organising a supply of comforts for marines and bluejackets in South Africa. Woollen articles, blankets and rugs, for this purpose should be sent to the Pall Mall Deposit and Forwarding Agency, St. Alban's Place, St. James's; and cheques for the same fund may be forwarded to Messrs. Stilwell and Sons, Bankers and Navy Agents, 42, Pall Mall, S.W.



MAJOR H. P. BIRCH
(Royal Army Medical Corps).



MAJOR C. F. ST. C. ANSTRUTHER-THOMSON
(Commanding 2nd Life Guards).



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. ST. L. BARTER.



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. D. OTTER
(Commanding Canadian Contingent).



THE HON. MRS. GOLDMANN
(Nursing the Wounded at Pietermaritzburg).



THE LATE LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR G. GRAHAM, V.C.



SURGEON-MAJOR A. B. OSBORNE
(Canadian Contingent).



MAJOR-GENERAL T. KELLY-KENNY
(Commanding the Sixth Division).



CAPTAIN A. G. DALLAS
(16th Lancers).

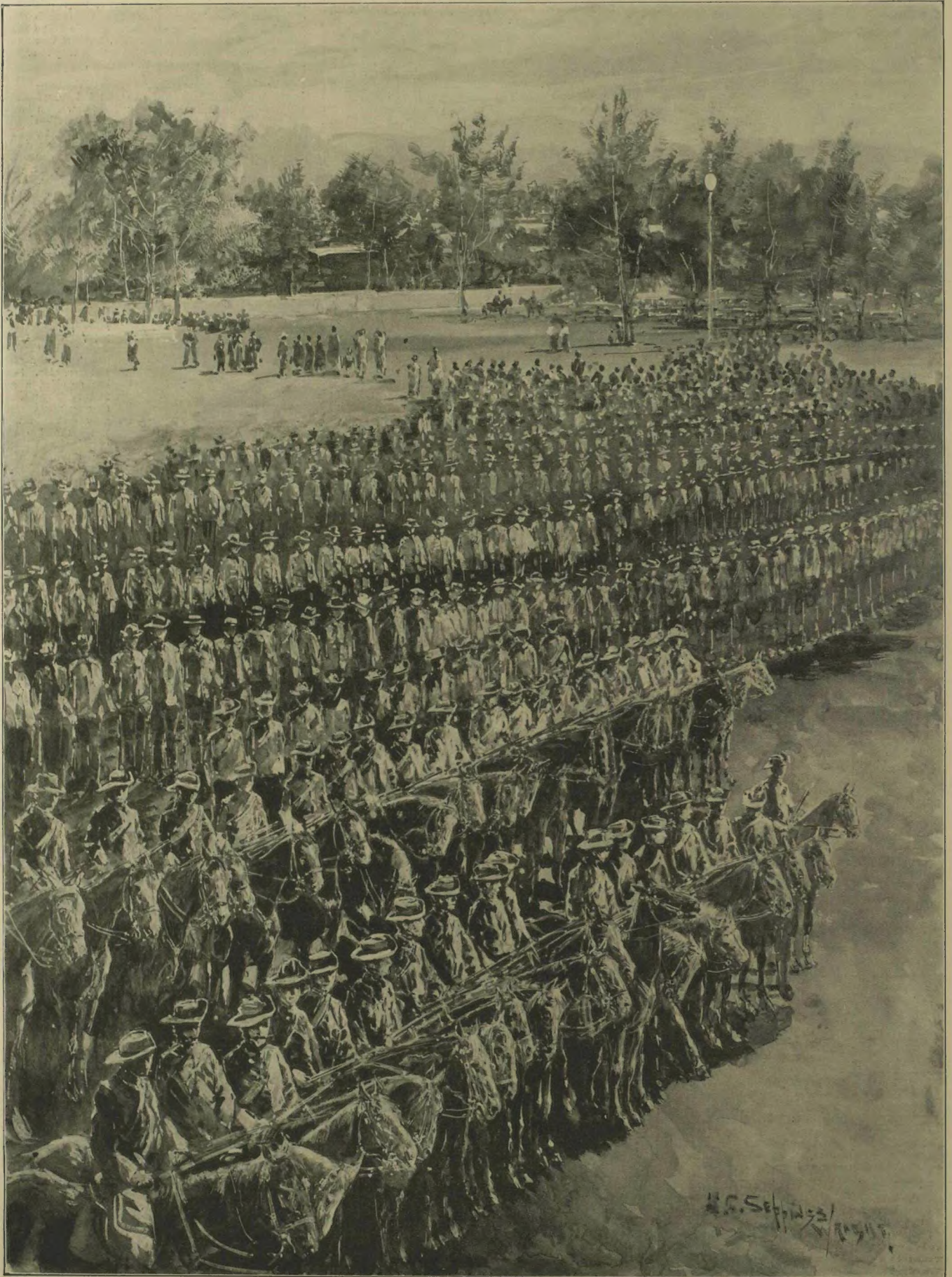
previous to his departure for South Africa was stationed at Umballa.

The Hon. Mrs. Goldmann, who is nursing the wounded at Pietermaritzburg, is a daughter of Lord Peel, and a granddaughter of the Repealer of the Corn Laws. Like her elder sister, the Hon. Mrs. Rochfort Maguire, she, too, married a man deeply engaged in South African development and finance; and both the sisters are with their husbands in South Africa to see the war through to its bitter end.

Mr. Bernard Quaritch, the famous bibliophile publisher, has died at the age of eighty. He was born in Prussian Saxony, and came to England in 1842. When he kept a little second-hand shop he made the acquaintance of Edward Fitzgerald, who gave him the rights of publication for the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam. Mr. Quaritch's shop in Piccadilly has been for many years the rendezvous of book-collectors from all parts of the world. To the last he spoke very indifferent English, and his eccentricities would certainly have ensured him a niche in the "Comédie Humaine," had Balzac known him.

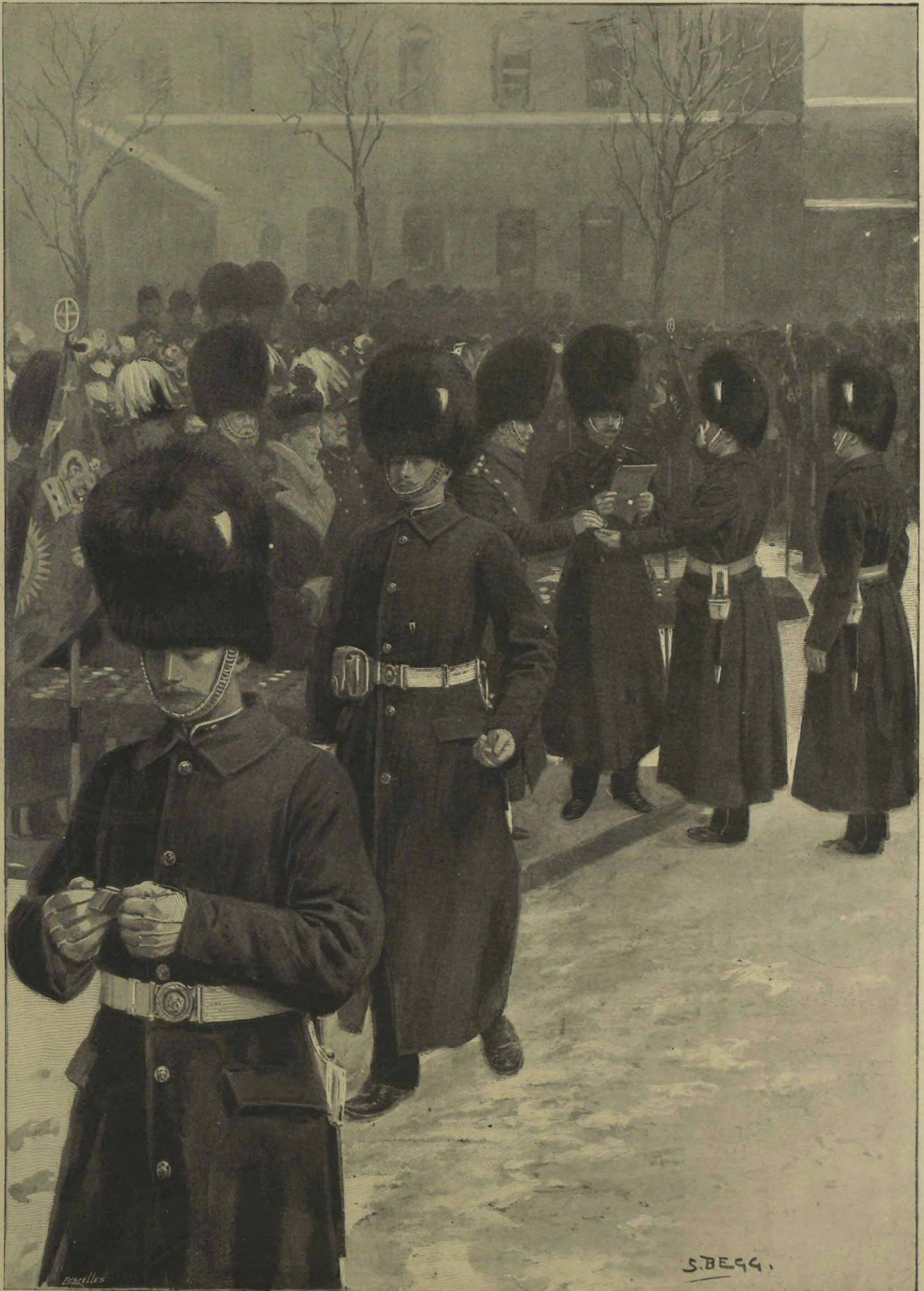
"Miss Hobbs," like "An American Citizen" and "The Adventure of Lady Ursula," is a Duke of York's version

THE TRANSVAAL WAR: SCENES AT THE FRONT.



HOME GUARD RIFLE ASSOCIATION, PIETERMARITZBURG, IN THE MARKET SQUARE.

From a Photograph supplied by Miss Page, Birmingham, taken by a Refugee from Newcastle, now in Pietermaritzburg.



PRESENTATION OF OMDURMAN MEDALS TO THE 1st GRENADIER GUARDS BY THE PRINCE OF WALES AT WINDSOR ON DECEMBER 15.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR: CASUALTIES AT THE FRONT.



THE LATE MARQUIS OF WINCHESTER
(2nd Coldstream Guards).



THE LATE COLONEL DOWNMAN
(1st Gordon Highlanders).



THE LATE MAJOR TAUNTON
(Natal Carbineers).



LIEUTENANT TUDOR
(Royal Horse Artillery, Wounded).



SECOND LIEUTENANT VAUGHAN
(3rd Grenadier Guards, Wounded).



LIEUTENANT TRISTRAM
(12th Lancers, Wounded).



MAJOR STURGES
(2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, Prisoner).



COLONEL CODRINGTON
(1st Coldstream Guards, Wounded).



THE LATE CAPTAIN COWAN
(1st Highland Light Infantry).



MAJOR CUTHBERTSON
(Black Watch, Wounded).



CAPTAIN NOYES
(1st Highland Light Infantry, Wounded).



THE LATE LIEUTENANT FERGUSSON
(Rifle Brigade).



THE LATE CAPTAIN WINGATE
(1st Gordon Highlanders).



LIEUTENANT ST. JOHN HARVEY
(Black Watch, Wounded).



LIEUTENANT TAIT
(Black Watch, Wounded).



SERGEANT-MAJOR J. BURKE
(2nd Dublin Fusiliers, Wounded).

THE TRANSVAAL WAR: CASUALTIES AT THE FRONT.



CAPTAIN WOLFE MURRAY
(Highland Light Infantry, Wounded).



CAPTAIN W. E. GORDON
(Gordon Highlanders, Wounded).



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. R. KELHAM
(Highland Light Infantry, Wounded).



LIEUTENANT A. J. MARTEN
(Highland Light Infantry, Wounded).



CAPTAIN THE HON. ST. LEDGER JERVIS
(5th Brigade Staff, Wounded).



THE LATE LIEUTENANT R. M. CAMPBELL
(Gordon Highlanders).



THE LATE LIEUTENANT W. R. COWIE
(Seaforth Highlanders).



CAPTAIN MACNAB
(1st Gordon Highlanders, Wounded).



CAPTAIN P. U. W. VIGORS.
(Devonshire Regiment, Wounded).



COLONEL HUNT
(Royal Field Artillery, Wounded).



CAPTAIN WHITE THOMSON
(Royal Field Artillery, Wounded).



THE LATE CAPTAIN BRADSHAW
(Mounted Infantry).



LIEUTENANT STOREY
(Devonshire Regiment, Wounded).



CAPTAIN ELTON
(Royal Field Artillery, Wounded).



CAPTAIN CONDYNE
(Rifle Brigade, Wounded).



CAPTAIN J. F. RADCLIFFE
(Devonshire Regiment, Wounded).

THE STORY OF THE BLACK WATCH.

(We are indebted to our Contemporary, the "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News," for the Loan of these Pictures.)

The Black Watch has added to its long list of distinctions, and although, unfortunately, in the affair of Magersfontein it could not claim victory, yet its conduct was so gallant, so entirely worthy of the great record of the regiment, that the Earl of Crawford's commendation accorded to the Black Watch at Fontenoy may be reiterated: "They have acquired as much honour as if they had gained the battle."

On Dec. 11 the Highland Brigade delivered an attack on the eastern spur of the Boer position at Magersfontein beyond the Modder River. They had reached a point within two hundred yards of a Boer entrenchment, the existence of which was unknown to them, when they were met with a withering fire on their flanks, and were forced to retire with heavy loss. Under the shelter of a fold in the ground the Highlanders reformed, and there renewed the conflict. Supported by the Gordons, they forced their way to within 300 yards of the enemy. Their losses were terrible, and when the battalion reformed at the end of the day only 160 men answered to the muster-roll. The dead, wounded, and missing numbered 315. Many officers have fallen, but even in this unfortunate particular the regiment is only sustaining an ancient tradition, for at the battle of Prestonpans all its officers were either killed or captured; at Alexandria its leader, Sir Ralph Abercromby, fell; and throughout the Egyptian campaign against Napoleon many of the officers and men were killed. At Waterloo, again, the regiment lost its chief, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Robert Macara, and within a few minutes the command of the regiment devolved upon three officers in succession. The old 73rd Regiment of Foot, the traditions of which are also carried on by the Black Watch, lost twenty-three officers at Quatre Bras and Waterloo, and at the end of the latter fight only one officer remained, Lieutenant Robert Stewart, who thus found himself in command of the battalion. Now at Magersfontein the Black Watch has to mourn Major-General Wauchope, Lieutenant-Colonel Coode, and at least five other officers fallen, while the list of wounded officers and men is appallingly large.

The Black Watch, which has taken part in nearly all the important operations of the British Army for 150 years, carries on the traditions of the two celebrated regiments, the 42nd and 73rd Foot. The older of the two regiments is the 1st Battalion, which is the present-day representative of the old 42nd. It was raised in 1729, and consisted of six



Photo. Horsburgh, Edinburgh.

THE LATE GENERAL WAUCHOPE.

companies. The first commanders were Lord Lovat, Sir Duncan Campbell, Colonel Grant of Ballindalloch, John Campbell of Carrick, and George Munroe of Culcairn. The dark colours of the turtan in which

they were dressed won them the name of "Freicudan Dhu," or Black Watch.

When the regiment was raised, Highlanders had already made their name terrible in European warfare. They had fought as well in the service of the United Provinces as under Gustavus Adolphus, and it was the fame of these mercenaries that led to the formation of a regiment for the patriotic service of Great Britain.

In 1739, on the outbreak of the war with Spain, the original six companies of the regiment were increased to ten, and were placed under the command of the Earl of Crawford. It was not, however, until 1745, sixteen years after its formation, that the men of the Black Watch first smelt powder and showed how terrible they could be with the bayonet. At Fontenoy they attacked the French outposts, outrenched breast-high, and with sword, pistol, and dirk forced them out, killing a considerable number. Thereafter, impatient at the failure of the Dutch infantry to carry the village of Fontenoy, they rushed forward and carried the place, sword in hand. After this success, however, owing to the slackness of the Dutch, a retreat was necessary, and it was their gallantry in covering this movement which won the Black Watch Lord Crawford's commendation.

In the same year the regiment returned to Scotland to aid in suppressing the Rebellion of the Young Pretender, and at Prestonpans it sustained the disaster already recounted; but two years later success crowned the Black Watch in two descents upon the coast of France; and in 1758 it was engaged in North America, losing heavily in a desperate assault upon the Fort of Ticonderoga. That year the regiment was reinforced by a second battalion, which had been raised in Perth, and the title of "Royal" Highland Regiment was granted to it by the King. At Martinique and Guadaloupe the new battalion behaved with great valour, and the two battalions were subsequently associated in the capture of Montreal and in driving the French out of Canada.

In 1786 the 2nd Battalion became the 73rd Highland Regiment. It had previously won distinction in India, where it took part in the campaign against Hyder Ali and Tippoo Sahib, and for its services in that war wrote "Mysore" and "Mangalore" upon its colours. The 42nd and 73rd had then a separate existence until 1881, when they were again united.

One of the most splendid exploits of the Black Watch was achieved at Aboukir Bay. On the morning of the



2nd Lieut. S. A. Innes (wounded). 2nd Lieut. W. P. Nunnally. 2nd Lieut. A. S. Grant. Lieut. N. N. Ramsay (killed). 2nd Lieut. Hon. M. C. Drummond (wounded). Capt. C. Eykyn. Capt. J. G. Rennie.
Major P. J. C. Livingston. Capt. E. G. Elton (killed). Major A. G. Duif (wounded). Lieut.-Col. J. H. C. Coode. Capt. Hon. J. F. T. Lieut. H. C. W. Berthon (killed). Capt. W. MacFarlan (killed).
2nd Lieut. Hon. C. M. Hore-Ruthven. (killed). Cumming-Bruce (killed). Lieut. A. G. Wauchope (wounded).

OFFICERS OF THE BLACK WATCH: OF THESE SIXTEEN, ALL ON ACTIVE SERVICE, TEN ARE REPORTED EITHER KILLED OR WOUNDED.

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THE BLACK WATCH—MACHINE-GUN DETACHMENT: READY TO FIRE.



THE LATE LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. C. COODE.

8th of March in the year 1801, 150 boats, laden with 5000 men, landed at Aboukir Bay under a fire so terrific that the water was lashed into foam with the bullets. Undaunted, they carried the enemy's strong position among the sand-hills of the Bay. Twelve days later they added to their glory by their conduct at the battle of Alexandria. On that occasion they routed a column of Bonaparte's "Invincible Legion," and also gave a good account of the French Dragoons, inspired to their exploit by Abercromby's appeal. "My brave Highlanders, remember your forefathers." For this they bear on their colours the Sphinx and the word "Egypt."

Volumes would have to be written to recount adequately the exploits of the 42nd and 73rd: how the former added the proud names Fuentes d'Onor, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse and Peninsula, Alma, Sebastopol and Lucknow, to those they already bore on their colours; how the latter contributed by deeds of derring-do the names Seringapatam, Waterloo, and South Africa. To the last words they add the



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Arabi's rebellion was crushed, but much work remained to do in Egypt and the Soudan. In that work the Royal Highlanders bore a gallant part, and inscribed on their colours, besides the name of Tel-el-Kebir, those of the Nile and Kirkbikan. Once more they are in the field, their ranks sadly thinned, alas! but their spirit as high as of yore.

On another page we give brief biographies of the officers killed and wounded at Magerfontein. Of the sixteen officers in our portrait group reproduced on the opposite page, only six escaped death or wounding on the memorable 11th of December, 1899.



THE BLACK WATCH MOUNTING GUARD.

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THE WAR: IN THE COTTAGE.

Drawn by Gunning King.



THE WAR: IN THE HALL.

Drawn by C. H. Toff.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR: SCENES AT THE FRONT.



IN THE TRENCHES AT MAFEKING: A GOOD SHOT.



THE STORMBERG PASS. THE SCENE OF GENERAL GATACRE'S OPERATIONS.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR: SCENES AT THE FRONT.



A NIGHT ATTACK.

Drawn by R. Caton Woodville from Sketches by a Correspondent.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR: THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS AT CAPE TOWN.

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Drawn by E. H. B.



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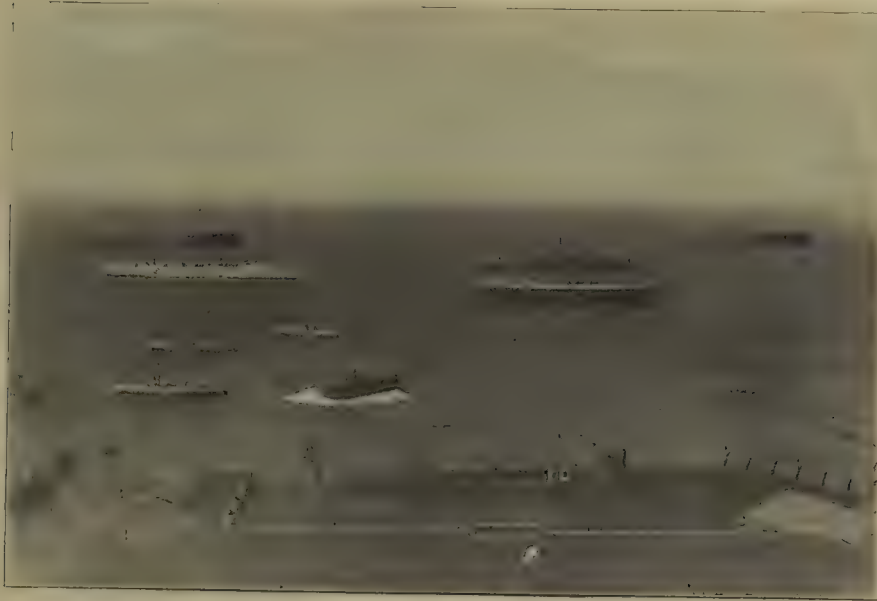
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CURRENT SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

BY DR. ANDREW WILSON.

Readers who have followed out the recent information which has been supplied us concerning the brain and its constitution will not require to be reminded that the cells of this region of the nervous system assume a high importance and constitute practically the governing and controlling units of our lives. The typical brain-cell is, of course, a living unit. It is composed of living matter, or protoplasm, and consists of a body, mostly pyramidal in shape, of branches called "dendrons," which place it in contact with neighbour cells, and of another and distinct process (or "neuron," as it is sometimes called) which usually becomes the fibre of a nerve, or at least conveys from the cell the impulses or messages it is destined to evolve. The "dendrons," on the contrary, appear to convey to the brain-cell those impressions which reach it from its neighbour cells. The story of our brain-cells is as complex as it is interesting. We see them with the eye of scientific faith (a faith that is founded upon knowledge) expanding their branches to bring themselves in contact with other cells when our brain is in a state of activity. And, conversely, we behold them withdrawing their branches and breaking contact with their surroundings when fatigued and wearied. It is this breaking of the contact betwixt our brain-cells which is the probable cause of sleep. Like the busy telephone exchange, the brain in its working hours has countless messages passing and repassing through its cells, conveying the intelligence of the outer world to our conscious centres, and, in turn, causing our bodies to act upon "information received." But when night comes on apace, and the telephone-exchange is deserted and silent, save



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THE VALLEY OF THE TUGELA RIVER.

for a chance message that flits over its wires, so our brain-cells break contact, and retire into private life during the watches of the night, which are undisturbed save by the ripples of the sub-intellectual surface that find their outcome in our dreams.

The latest item of information regarding these wondrous brain units I have been able to note has reference to the number of cells which exist in the outer layer of the cerebrum, or big brain, that fills up about four-fifths of the cavity of the head. Having regard to the fact that a brain-cell is to be measured in diameter in thousandths of an inch, it might well appear to be a task savouring of the impossible to attempt to estimate their number even approximately. But, difficult as is the task of calculating the number of brain-cells in an adult brain, it has possibly been accomplished with as near an approach to correctness as the circumstances will admit. Miss H. B. Thompson, who is a student in the Neurological Laboratory at Chicago University, has brought to bear on the task in question all the experience of previous observers, and has fortified herself by her own independent observations. It appears that an estimate made some years ago gave the probable number of our brain-cells at 1200 millions, whereof 612 millions were to be found in the upper parts of the brain folds. Miss Thompson's results give us 9200 millions of cells in the grey matter of the human brain.

Professor Clifford Allbutt, of Cambridge, gave the British Medical Association an admirable discourse on tuberculosis on the occasion of its recent meeting. One point he insisted upon strikes me as being of the greatest practical importance to everybody. This was the explanation of the well-known fact that consumption, as a rule, first attacks the top part or apex of the lung. What is the reason for this pathological preference on the

part of the bacilli of the disease? The answer commonly given is that the apex of the lung is not brought into play in ordinary breathing, and that it shares the fate of all organs that are partially or wholly disused. In other words, it becomes a weak part of the lung, and, as such, is the more readily affected by disease.

This much was admitted long ago. What Dr. Allbutt has made clear is the mechanical disadvantage under which the apex of the lung labours. The bronchial tubes that supply it with air have to take a steep upward direction, and the air has to pass upwards to the apex almost at right angles to the course it follows in passing into other parts of the lung. Also the outgoing air-stream from the lung's top, it is pointed out, meets the stronger rush from the other and lower parts, and is thus retarded in its passage, while coughing, it is added, may have the effect of forcing air backwards into the apex. In children, the top of the lung is shorter, and the way to it less steep, hence they escape some of the ills and evils to which adults are subject. This topic may well present a fertile field for a philosopher's thoughts. Is our lung, like our eye, an imperfect instrument or not? Probably the physician would say of each that it is susceptible of being improved.

THE TUGELA RIVER.

"There are two fordable places in the Tugela River" is a detail of information likely to live out of all proportion to its geographical importance in the memory of Great Britain. For it is in these words that General Sir Redvers Buller opens the despatch which conveyed to his countrymen at home the news of his reverse. The Tugela River, which is locally famed for its picturesque banks, flows east through Natal, until it joins the Buffalo, after which it takes a south-east course along the frontier into the Indian Ocean. Two territories take their name from this watercourse—Lower and Upper Tugela.



THE TUGELA RIVER AND MABETHLAN MOUNTAIN.



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A BEND OF THE TUGELA RIVER.

BOOKS TO READ.

LONDON: Dec. 19, 1899.

"The Life of Edward White Benson," sometime Archbishop of Canterbury, by his son, Arthur Christopher Benson (Macmillan). It is in two ponderous volumes, containing nearly 1500 pages. It is like a dumb-bell in weight. It has pictures of the Archbishop as a boy, as a young man, in his study, and on his mare Columba, etc. It has portraits of his ancestors, of the house where he was born, little biographies of his brothers and sisters, as thus: "William, twin-brother of Charles, who died as a child." It has—but why continue? We all know by this time what the filial biography is like. This is not a biography to read as you read Lord Rosebery's "Pitt." It is a biography to look through leisurely. It should be treated as a delicate cater treats a game pie, enjoying the meat, leaving the crust. Regarded thus, the volumes have a singular interest. It is history from the inside. We watch the steps by which this man climbed from the Head Mastership of a public school to the highest position the Church has in her gift. We read the letters that dignitaries write to one another, so curiously *décalqué* to the reticent-minded layman. Here is one, from Archbishop Benson to the Bishop of Durham: "My dearest Brother," it begins, "one line to-night to express the solemn, almost trembling, joy with which I learn from letter after letter that your strength is your own again. What a gift of God! Not, however, to be looked for a third time. Among your prayers you must daily pray for grace to take care of your health. You know it was a grace you lacked. . . ." We see the Queen interceding to beg that the Bishop of Truro will accept the offer which "she has made to him through Mr. Gladstone." And so on through the 1500 pages. It may be tedious to cut through the brushwood, but the clear places where one can pause, sit, and be interested abound.

The late Archbishop did not spare himself. He was a man of great energy, methodical and particular habits, and he never needed amusing. He was gregarious. "I don't want to go to a peaceful place," he used to say; "I hate peace." His sense of humour was of the right kind. He read his son's books (Mr. "Dodo" Benson) with a candid admiration for their qualities, though "with a kind of mystification as to whence those qualities were inherited." His biography spares us no details of his father's life or habits. He is never indiscreet, but he has had the good sense and the pluck to show us a good deal of the real man—a vivid, living, lovable personality—beneath the Archbishop. I have used the phrase "a good deal of the real man." The whole man, no doubt, is to be found in the fourteen volumes of diary, "frank and full of personal details," that the Archbishop kept. The diary was written at night. It cannot be printed at present. "It acted," we are told, "as a kind of safety-valve." The safety-valve diary of an Archbishop of Canterbury will make good reading for our grandchildren.

At least four volumes of Essays in Little have been published during the past month. Their authors are all eminent in their way, the essays have done duty in magazines and journals, and the contents are as diversified as a theatre audience. Mr. William Archer is a shrewd, hard-headed critic of the stage and of books. Lately he has become assayer of modern poetry to the million. You feel the brain in his criticism, and his seriousness rarely lapses into dullness. His course through modern literature may be likened to a plough. Whatever subject he chooses on he goes to the end—evenly, passionlessly. He produces two or three articles a week, and in "Study and Stage" (Richards) he has collected those he cared to preserve.

If Mr. Archer's course be likened to a plough, the wayward way of a winged insect best describes Mr. A. B. Walkley's passage. His personal, delicate, flippant manner is hardly English. He darts hither and thither, observing, smiling, laughing, sneering, and his greatest fear would seem to be lest anybody should think him serious. Well, Mr. Walkley has his desire. He remains the brilliant amateur. Read his "Framed of Mind" (Richards) for twenty minutes, and you will say "How clever!" "What odds and ends of knowledge!" "What a gift for allusion!" read it for three twenty minutes, and you will need a change of mental food.

I gave Mr. Frederick Wedmore a trial, for his "On Books and Art" (Hodder) was the third of the quartet. Mr. Wedmore has sincerity, but it is the sincerity of the dilettante. He is gentle, finical, appreciative, amiable. He is a writer of slim volumes, expressions of a cultivated taste; he could never be a maker of books. To him, I am sure, there would be something vulgar about a big, sober volume. He could have written the life of Archbishop Benson in 150 pages. It would have taken him some time, but he would have made rather a nice little affair of it. One of his papers is called "My Few Things," an affectionate, half-pathetic, half-sentimental account of his artistic possessions. That expresses the author of "Books and Art"—that is Mr. Wedmore.

And so we come to the fourth book on the list—to "Tennyson, Ruskin, Mill, and other Literary Estimates" (Macmillan), by Mr. Frederic Harrison, a veteran beside the others—seasoned, and no longer curious. His themes are all literary; he approaches them quietly, handles them seriously, and he is comparatively indifferent to graces of style, although he writes wisely on that subject. As an essayist Mr. Harrison stands almost alone. He does not break new ground. Gibbon, Mill, Freeman, Froude, these are the names one encounters in his volume. The younger generation does not attract him. He passes by on the other side, a grave, serious figure, the personification of sense and knowledge, concerned only with the elder gods. As a critic, Mr. Frederic Harrison is neither dull nor exhilarating; in some moods he might be described in the epithets he himself applies to Gibbon, "eminently sensible, cool, and just." But that would not be quite adequate. Sometimes a liveliness, French rather than English, breaks through the sober page, and his use of superlatives, italicised monosyllables, and foreign words is surprising in so austere a critic of style. He has much to say, he is keen to say it, and he is always worth attention. This is a book to read and keep. QUILL.

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications for this department should be addressed to the Chess Editor.

V Hugo (New York).—Your solution is correct and acknowledged below. We are much obliged for the cutting of Mr. Lloyd's pretty problem. Problem to hand with thanks from S R Andrews, E J Cooper, H A Salway, R Rogers, W H Gundry, H Courtenay Fox, Lieut. F J Middlemist, S G Lankewick, and F W Moore.

CORRECT SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 298 received from J Edmonds (Valparaiso); of No. 291 from J Edmonds (Valparaiso) and Fred Long (San Diego); of No. 292 from V Hugo Mathusack (New York); of No. 297 from C A M (Ponape) and R Levan Alvar, B.A. (Puthenchan-day, Travancore); of No. 290 from Charles Field, Junior (Athol, Mass.) and George Dwyer Farmer, M.D. (Augsburg, Ontario); of No. 291 from Sigismund Chelowski (Szamark, Russia); of No. 292 from J D Tucker (Irkley), E C Hansher, F W C Edgerton, Captain J A Chaille (Great Yarmouth), J Bailey (Newark), John (Graz, Styria), Blair H Cochrane (Harting), W M Kelly, M.D. (Worthing), Jacob Verrill (Rochester), Edward J Sharpe, and J Muxworthy (Hock).

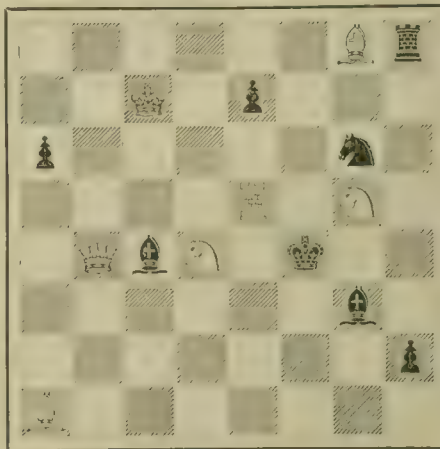
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SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 292. BY H. M. PRIDEAUX.

WHITE. BLACK.
1. P to Kt 7th. P takes B.
2. P to Kt 8th (a R). K takes Kt.
3. R mates.

PROBLEM No. 2905.—BY F. HALEY.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

SOME HOLIDAY PROBLEMS.

No. 1.—BY A. CORRIAS.

White: K at K R sq, Q at Q R 8th, Kts at Q 3rd and K R 5th, R at Q 7th, B at K R 7th, P at Q 6th.
Black: K at K 3rd, R at K 7th, Bs at K 8th and Q 7th, Kt at Q Kt sq, Ps at K B 2nd, K B 7th, and Q B 6th.

White to play, and mate in two moves.

No. 2.—BY H. BURNSTON.

White: K at K 4th, Q at Q K 3rd, R at Q B sq, Kts at Q B 2nd and K 4th, Bs at K 2nd and R 3rd, P at Q K 3rd.
Black: K at Q 4th, Bs at Q R sq and Q 2nd, Ps at Q Kt 3rd, Q B 4th, and K Kt 2nd.

White to play, and mate in two moves.

No. 3.—BY E. ORSINI.

White: K at K R 5th, Bs at Q R 2nd and K Kt sq, Kts at K 4th and K Kt 5th, B at K 3rd.
Black: K at K R 7th, P at K R 5th, Ps at K Kt 7th, K B 7th, and Q R 6th.

White to play, and mate in two moves.

No. 4.—BY E. J. WINTER WOOD.

White: K at Q R sq, Q at K R 7th, B at K Kt 8th, Kts at K Kt 2nd and Q B 3rd, Ps at K 6th and Q B 6th.
Black: K at Q 5th, Ps at K Kt 5th, K Kt 6th, and Q Kt 4th.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

No. 5.—BY MRS. W. J. BAIRD.

White: K at Q 2nd, Q at K B 8th, Kts at K R 6th and Q Kt 2nd, Ps at K B 3rd, K R 4th, K R 6th, K 6th, Q 6th, and Q B 3rd.
Black: K at K 4th, B at Q 8th, Bs at K Kt 6th and Q 6th.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

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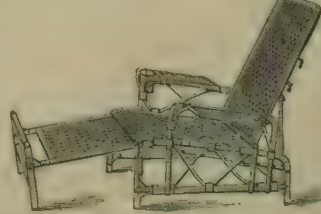
White: K at Q 4th, Q at K Kt 5th, R at K 2nd, B at K 3rd, Kt at Q 4th.
Black: K at Q 6th, Kt at K sq, B at K B 3rd, Ps at K 4th and K 5th.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

Solutions of above problems will be acknowledged.

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Cape) are made of stout cane-work, and the back can be raised or lowered. The leg-rest can be fully extended, as shown in the illustration, or if not required, it slides under the seat. A special feature of this lounge is its portability: when not in use it folds into a comparatively small space, and can be carried by a small boy.

LADIES' COLUMNS.

Velvet is now, as usual in winter, the chosen material for the construction of many good gowns. That worn by the Vicereine of Ireland at a recent public function in the sister isle was so uncommon and handsome as to demand description. It had a perfectly tight-fitting little coulee of black velvet, cut off at the waist-line and fastened up to just below the bust by three big silver buttons; it then turned back with white satin revers to show a white satin vest within—not fixed to the coat, but distinct, as a man's waistcoat is; the satin in both cases was covered flutly with Irish lace. A little but valuable touch of colour was then introduced in the form of small slashings at the top of the sleeves and a line round the collar, both of rose-pink velvet. The skirt was trained, but quite plain—decidedly the best style for velvet skirts. Another smart dress seen the other day was in ruby velvet, with a deep square yoke of fine lace buck and front, edged with a line of ermine; three rows of ruby satin pipings, quite narrow, alternating with three bands of ermine each just the width of one tail, trimmed across the top part of the sleeves; and round the foot of the otherwise plain skirt was a hem-band of the same satin, topped by a piping cord, and above that a line of ermine. For quite a young wearer was a gown in emerald-green velvet, cut low at the neck and filled in to the throat with tucked crêpe-de-chine in Persian pink; a fichu of the same crêpe, edged with green silk fringe, was carried round the shoulders and tied in a loose knot at the bust. The skirt was cut up in points and edged with green fringe, over an underskirt, or rather a flounce, full, though ungathered, of soft Roman satin in the same pink as the yoke. It would be hard to make a smarter costume than this was, or one more suitable for wear on the occasion for which that particular gown was prepared—a young matron's appearance at her junior sister's wedding.

Fur coats and skirts are being made now, and also three-quarter jackets in fur, cut either Empire fashion, loose from below the bust, or falling quite sac-shaped from the neck-band and shoulder-seams. The weight of these is somewhat oppressive, but of course they are not intended for taking much active exercise in, but for driving to some race-meeting, or bazaar, or afternoon concert, when the coat can be worn open to show underneath a dress of some light-coloured and light-weight cloth, which is effectively combined with the fur overdress. Caracul or broad-tail is the most popular fur in Paris, while here, after sable, which holds premier place, come sealskin, chinchilla, and blue and white fox, no doubt because the fine complexions that we have in such abundance among us, and that we owe to our moist, unpleasant climate, are more favourable to those paler tones than the Frenchwomen's more brunette tints find them. Though the "pastel" shades in dress cloths are shown by all the great houses, they do not appear to be taken up much; at smart places, one sees many women in more or less white, such as cream cloth coats or entire gowns, or in white velvet hats, or with snowy ostrich-plumes almost covering the shape, or white fox furs; but not in the pale, rubbed-away tones that are called pastel. I am told, however, that those fortunate women who are now beginning to order their Riviera dresses for after-Christmas flight to warmer and sunnier climes are choosing the pastel shades of cloth that will be in keeping with the surroundings. Reverting to furs, when a coat in any of the darker furs is worn, there is absolutely nothing to equal in effect a glimpse of cerise to go with it; a vest, or blouse, or even a hat-trimming and a stock tie of cherry-colour will lighten the whole thing up surpassingly. The same observation applies to the brown dresses that are so fashionable at present; a little cerise intermingled is most valuable.

Cloth polonaises are the subjects of the Illustrations this time. The more elaborate one is edged with a narrow line of sable, and fastened with velvet bows; the decoration of yoke, sleeves, and foot is an appliqué pattern in a darker velvet. The other dress has yoke, sleeves, and underskirt of velvet; the polonaise in cloth is stitched and piped all over, and is trimmed also with a silk passementerie and fringe. This lady has on a white felt hat with black plumes. The other chapeau is in velvet trimmed with feathers to match.

I have received an amusing letter from a German reader of the Ladies' Page. The topic is earrings. My correspondent says that she thinks the earring "a very nice and tasty ornament," but her ears were not pierced in childhood, and, as she says, "being adulted, the ordeal is very anxious" of having that little operation performed. "The new fashion," she observes, "governs all, at the time, and I am decided in submitting me to the use and to sacrifice to fashion my lobes." At the same time, she is very fearful of the pain, and wants me to assure her that it is slight; and also to tell her if women perform the operation in London, and if there is any way by which the pain may be minimised? Well, my dear girl, as to the pain, I can only say to you what Queen Elizabeth replied to her aspiring courtier, who wrote on a window with a diamond—"Fain would I climb, but that I fear to fall"; the Queen completed the couplet and added the rhyme thus—"If thy heart fail thee, do not climb at all." If you are so afraid of a little pain, life holds a black prospect for you, for few are the women who do not suffer much perforce. But certainly that of piercing the ears is entirely voluntary; and if you are not willing to suffer to be beautiful, don't let me persuade you to undergo such perfectly unnecessary tortures!

As to how painful it really is, that question cannot be answered; for the susceptibility of individuals to pain differs enormously. It is an unfortunate fact that the greater the mental cultivation and brain development, the more acute is the average sensibility. An American scientist has just been trying experiments in this very matter; and he has found that University women are much more sensitive than stay-at-home girls, and that business women are more irritable to pain than any others. We must hope that those who feel unpleasant sensations the more

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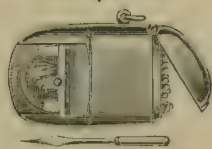
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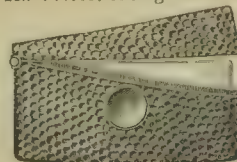


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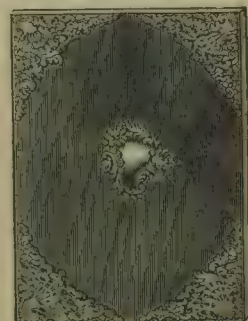


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The will (dated March 28, 1893) of Mr. John Gretton, of Moncorvo, 66, Kanismore Gardens, S.W., Grantham Lodge, Cowes, and Bladen House, Winstill, Burton-on-Trent, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Bass and Co., who died on Oct. 2, was proved on Dec. 9 by John Gretton and Hugh Frederic Gretton, the sons and executors, the value of the whole of the estate being £2,883,640, and the net personalty £2,714,943. The testator devised the perpetual right of presentation to the living of Winstill to his son John, and Bladen House and grounds attached thereto to his son Hugh Frederic. He bequeaths Moncorvo, with the furniture and household effects therein, to his son John; £200,000 to his son Rupert Harold; and £40,000 each to his daughters. The residue of his property he leaves in equal shares to his sons John and Hugh Frederic.

The Scotch confirmation, under seal of the Commissariat of the County of Edinburgh, of the trust disposition and settlement (dated Jan. 10, 1887) of the Right Hon. William Watson, Baron Watson, of 20, Queen's Gate, a Lord of Appeal and formerly M.P. for the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen, who died on Sept. 14 last; granted to the Hon. Thomas Henry Watson, and the Hon. William Watson, the sons, Mark Bannatyne and Alexander Sholto Douglas, the executors nominate, was rescinded in London on Dec. 11; the value of the estate in England and Scotland being £116,436.

The will (dated March 7, 1898), with two codicils (dated Feb. 10 and April 14, 1899), of Mrs. Sarah Ann Weldon, of Morden Hill, Lewisham, Kent, the widow of Mr. Charles Weldon, of 130 and 131, Cheapside, in the City of London, Manchester warehouseman, who died on July 18, has been proved by her friends Oscar William Donwell and Henry Wordingham Young, the gross value of the estate being £105,112 1s. 10d. The testatrix gives £250 to each executor; freehold houses, Brooklands, Reigate, Surrey, and 22, Selborne Road, Brighton, Sussex, with £4500 to her son Edward; freehold messuage, 1, Gutter Lane, in the City of London, with £4500 to her son Walter; £200 each to the Church Missionary Society, the London City Mission, and the Strangers' Rest (Ratcliff Highway, London); £400 to the Midway Mission to the Jews;



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The will (dated Oct. 2, 1899) of Sir George Curtis Lampson, second Baronet, of 19, Albert Gate, and 64, Queen Street, Cheapside, who died on Nov. 7, was proved on Dec. 11 by Dame Sophia Lampson, the widow, Alfred Curtis Lampson, the son, and Edwin Henry Lumb Goad, the executors, the value of the estate being £92,235. The testator gives £5000 and the income for life of his residuary estate to his wife. Subject thereto he leaves his property to his children, Percy Miranda, Harry George, Ronald Cecil, Elsie Helen, Norah Beatrice, Mrs. Gertrude Sophia Goad, and Curtis George, in such shares and upon such conditions as his wife shall by deed or will appoint, and in default thereof as to two sevenths to his son Curtis George, one seventh each to his daughters Elsie Helen and Norah Beatrice, and three sevenths between his children Percy Miranda, Harry George, Ronald Cecil, and Mrs. Goad. His other children, Alfred Curtis and Mrs. Kennedy, have already been provided for.

The will (dated June 20, 1891), with three codicils (dated Nov. 11, 1892, Nov. 15, 1898, and Feb. 15, 1899), of Mr. Edward Walker, of Henbury Manor, Wimborne, and formerly of Careys Croft, Brokenhurst, Hants, who died on Sept. 1, was proved on Dec. 4 by Edward Gregory

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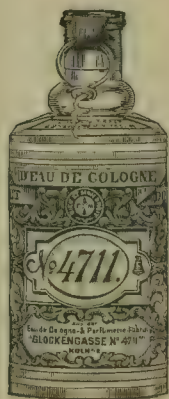
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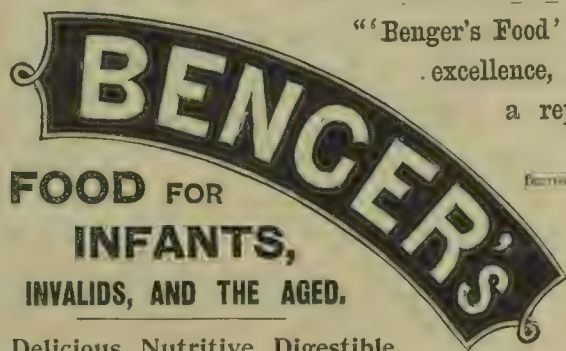
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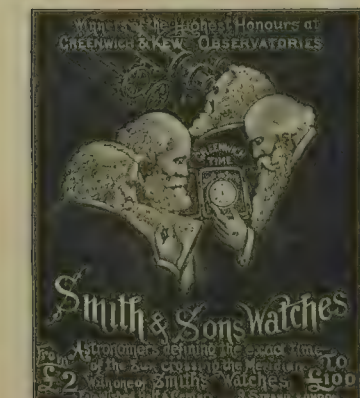
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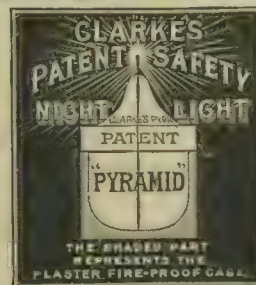
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ANGLOPHOBIE OR ANGLOPHILE.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "AN ENGLISHMAN IN PARIS."

All contradictions notwithstanding, it is most obvious to those who observe carefully that the bulk of the French nation are not friendly to us. It boots little to speculate whether the papers, large and small, have merely re-echoed that inimical feeling, or in the first instance provoked it; the fact of the feeling exists. There is equally no doubt of its expression having been somewhat moderated within the last ten days. Is it in compliance with a hint from higher quarters to that effect? I am unable to say, but I do not think so. Obedience to such a hint would imply, on the part of those who received it, an admission of the intellectual and diplomatic superiority of the men at the head of the Government, and there is not one journalist in France who does not think himself the equal of any of the Ministers, from the Premier down to the Minister of Agriculture.

The nation itself, man for man, is more prone to listen to the leader-writer than to the powers that be; hence, I take it, that there is another factor at work. It is very difficult to surmise the nature of that factor. It is the fear of losing the lucrative custom of England, both in the present and in the immediate future. The French are well aware—as I pointed out a fortnight ago—of the Englishman's reluctance to forego French commodities, of his reluctance to give the fair land of France a wide berth in his travels. Nevertheless, the announced absence of the Queen in the forthcoming spring from the French Riviera has caused the most reckless, as well as the most optimistic of Frenchmen, to pause and think. The French Riviera this winter will certainly not see the crowd of

free-handed English men and women bent upon enjoying themselves and willing to pay lavishly for their enjoyment.

The *Figaro* has already endeavoured to account logically for this desertion by Englishmen of their favourite winter haunts. The effort, I am bound to state, has not been successful. Her Majesty, according to our French contemporary, wishes for a change of scenery and surroundings. She has exhausted her interest in those regions by her frequent excursions, the continuance of which has, moreover, become somewhat awkward and difficult by reason of the increasing number of motor-cars, which frighten the horses, etc. Yet, in another paragraph of the same communication, we are told that her Majesty will undoubtedly return to Cimiez in sixteen months from now; and as a proof of that intention, it is alleged that her Majesty's bed-chamber and the room adjoining it will, at her express desire, remain unoccupied, her Majesty having left several personal belongings there.

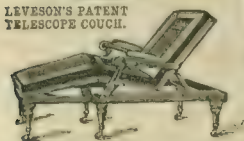
In the first place, then, we are to conclude that the number of motor-cars will decrease within the next sixteen months. "Very like a whale!" In the second place, the fact of her Majesty's having left several personal belongings at Cimiez last spring points not to her returning thither in 1901—if her life be spared—but to her intention of revisiting the spot in 1900, which intention was altered. I do not profess to be in her Majesty's confidence; if I were, I should be lacking in loyalty and reverence in misusing the trust placed in me. I therefore leave the reader to form his own opinion. As for the absence of the hundreds of pleasure-seekers, it is accounted for by the trying period through which at this moment

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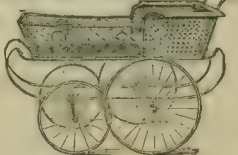


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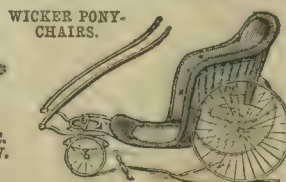
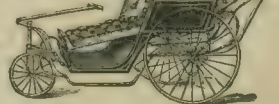


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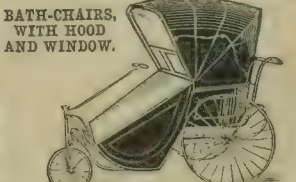
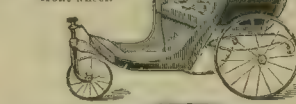


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England is passing. Englishmen, it is said, will prefer to stay at home this winter, in order to be within easier reach of the prompt news from the seat of war. It is all very clever, but to use a popular locution; "it won't wash," especially if all I hear be true—namely, that every room on the Italian Riviera has been engaged.

I have, then, pretty well indicated the factor that has caused the change of tone towards England within the last ten days. Odd to say, that change has not been operated with the usual French skill. When Baderbec died in giving birth to Pantagruel, her husband, Gargantua, did not know whether to grieve for the loss of his wife or to rejoice at the advent of an heir. By dint of pondering his feelings became mixed, and finally he rejoiced at the demise of his spouse and grieved at the coming of his son.

The feelings of the greater part of the French Press appear to have become similarly entangled, so that even the most careful reader is unable to determine whether the papers are grieving for the initial defeats of our troops in South Africa or rejoicing at our display of national dignity, common sense, and manly resignation under those defeats.

Personally, I prefer my own interpretation of all those articles, but I am only one of millions, and am not going to enact the part of a Sir Oracle. There is still sufficient diplomacy left among the majority of the French for them not to flaunt a sudden conversion from Anglophobia to Anglophilism into our faces. At present they profess—or, at any rate—imply—to be neither for nor against us. That was what a certain M. Besançon averred the other day in

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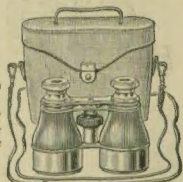
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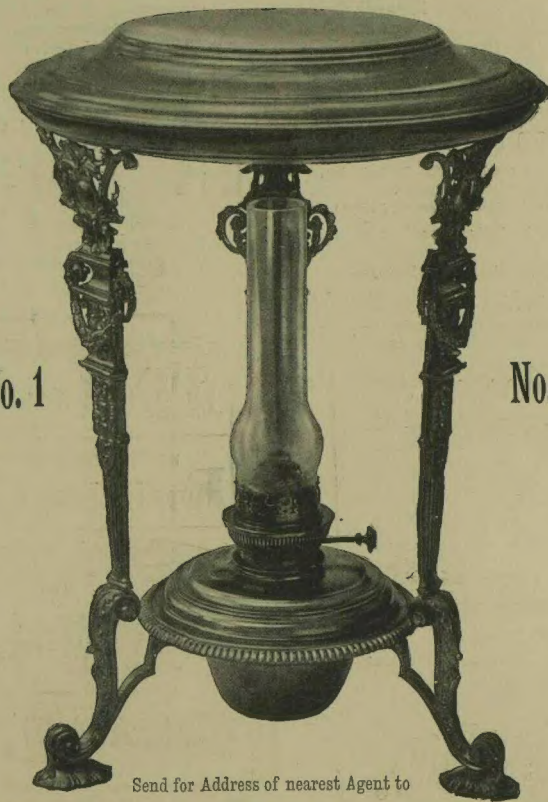


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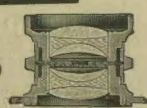
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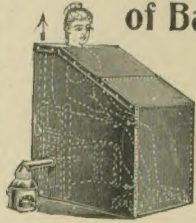
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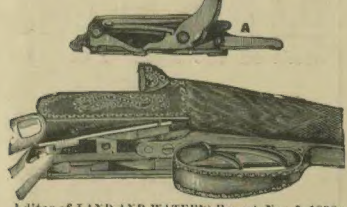
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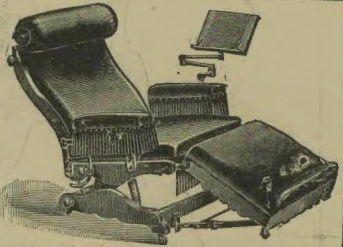
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